

Citizens for Clean Power – Response to CESI Petition – June 18, 2007

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Subject: Connectiv's Request for Reconsideration: for the Dockett and all PSC members

To the PSC and staff:

I write as a representative of Citizens for Clean Power to urge the PSC to deny Connectiv's request for reconsideration of the state's decision to favor Bluewater's wind farm bid backed by a small natural gas plant.

The essence of Connectiv's complaint seems to be that the PSC decision doesn't accord with HB 6's intent, amounting instead to a capitulation on the PSC's part to "public opinion." Leaving aside Connectiv's unjustified assumption that public opinion shouldn't bear upon the decision-making process (presumably because the public must always be uninformed), there is nothing to their claim that the PSC ignored the intent of HB 6. The law, as everyone, including Connectiv, must know, sought new power generating capacity for the state of Delaware at a reasonable cost, providing long-term price stability, with preference to be shown to new technologies that provide power in a more environmentally healthy manner. Far from ignoring HB 6's intent, the PSC's choice of the Bluewater wind bid and natural gas back-up was the one that best fulfilled the letter and spirit of HB 6. Connectiv's natural gas bid did not assure long-term price stability, nor did it employ new technologies that would mitigate environmental and health impacts. Even Connectiv's claim to an advantage in terms of present cost for its power delivery is only as dependable as the stability of natural gas prices at the present rates, not a safe bet by any means. Indeed, increases in natural gas at all comparable to those we have seen in the past three years will mean that wind will soon be the cheapest power delivery choice available. In short, there is no reason we can see why the PSC should revisit its original decision.

Sincerely,

Bill Zak